



GLAD NEWS & NOTES

May 25, 1994

O GOD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
many are saying to me, "There is no help for you in God." Selah
But you, O CREATOR, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up
my head.

I cry aloud to our GOD, and GOD answers me from the holy hill. Selah

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the CREATOR sustains me.

I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all
around.

Rise up, O GOD! Deliver me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

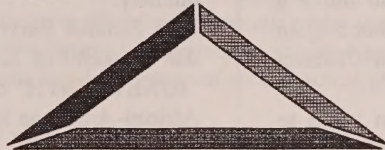
Deliverance belongs to our GOD; may your blessing be on your people! Selah

Psalms 3 1-8

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Chattanooga - Birmingham - Atlanta - Greenville - Charleston - Jackson - Mobile
Raleigh - Asheville - Nashville
Hickory - Tri-Cities - Huntsville

Biloxi - Augusta - Greensboro
Savannah - Charlotte - Boone



Montgomery - Wilmington - Knoxville - Myrtle Beach - Columbia - Columbus

Observances, celebrations and worship will be held in cities all
across the United States, and all around the world.

We stand with our sisters and brothers wherever they may be to speak
up and out for justice and equality.

Our prayers are with everyone for their safety and their success. We applaud
the many members of Metropolitan Community Church who are in the forefront
of their community's efforts to effect justice for all.

AROUND THE CHURCHES

HUNTSVILLE - Construction on their
new sanctuary and meeting space is
slightly ahead of schedule. The brick
layers are completing their facing work,
and wiring and plumbing is being
completed. Members of the MCC

Huntsville Congregation are eagerly
awaiting completion of the building. An
effort by some disgruntled neighbors to
keep the church out of the neighborhood
is having little impact. The congregation
will be doing some of the interior work.

CHARLOTTE. MCC New Life is moving ahead with efforts to bring its' Matthews property into compliance with various zoning requirements. While efforts by neighbors to deny them access to their new sanctuary have been partially successful so far, the members of the congregation are determined that they will occupy their new home in the near future.

MCC Charlotte will have Rev. Dr. Mel White as their guest speaker for both Sunday Morning services June 5 (9:15 A & 10:45 A).

Rev'd. Randy Votsch is coordinating the Pride Interfaith service to be held in Charlotte's Marshall Park, Saturday June 4, at 4:30 PM. Dr. White will be doing a workshop on combating the Religious Right that same Saturday at 1:30-4:30 at the Radisson Hotel as part of the Charlotte Pride observance.

GULFCOAST. Rev. Tam Schult tells us that since she was called as Pastor of MCC Gulfcoast circumstances beyond their control has cause them to move 8 times. They are worshipping once again at the Gay/Lesbian center, 308 Caillavet Street in Biloxi.

JACKSON. The congregation voted to adopt a new name: **METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE RAINBOW.** They will be worshipping at a new location: 964 Harding Street.

BIRMINGHAM Covenant MCC will be moving to a new worship location on June 26th. The former Wesleyan Church had been converted into a wedding chapel. The address: 5117 First Ave. No.

NASHVILLE. MCC Nashville is worshipping in a new space. They are temporarily meeting at the Budget Host Inn James Robertson Pkwy. at I-65. They have bible study at 5 PM followed by Worship at 6 PM. Pastor Rev. Rembert "Buddy" Truluck will be

featured on Gay Cable Television with his bible studies.

RALEIGH St. John's MCC is planning a major event for its dedication weekend June 10-12. Rev. June Norris, Rev. Willie White and Rev. Wayne Lindsey, the three Pastors who have served St. John's during their 18 year history will take part. On Friday night there will be an open house and reception at the church. On Saturday, Rev. White will speak at a Buffet Banquet at the Poolside Atrium of the Velvet Cloak Hotel in Raleigh. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance. Rev. Norris will bring the message at the Sunday morning service, which will follow a brunch on the grounds. Pastor Rev. Lindsey will bring the message Sunday night.

On June 5, St. John's will install Ms. Wanda Floyd as an associate pastor. Wanda who is the Lay Representative on the District Committee, and has served St. John's as a Lay Delegate, is looking forward to an opportunity to expand her ministry.

Rev. Delores Berry will be at St. John's the weekend of June 18-19 as part of a "JUNETEENTH" event; a celebration of African-American history.

GREENSBORO. Karen Ann Edwards will appear in Concert at St. Mary's on July 23rd.

ATLANTA. Rev. Paul Turner, Pastor All Saints MCC was one of the speakers at a downtown Atlanta rally May 10th. The rally was organized to encourage the International Olympic Committee to boycott Cobb County. Commissioners in Cobb passed an infamous resolution condemning Gays & Lesbians.

Rev. Glenna Shepherd, Pastor, Christ Covenant MCC was honored on May 15th at her church. There was a celebration of her being called to Pastor Christ Covenant, as well as to acknowledge her credentialing at District

ATLANTA cont.

Conference. District Coordinator Rev. Jay Neely participated, Rev. Dr. Mel White was the featured speaker.

First MCC has taken a bold step forward in planning for renovation of their recently acquired building. They have commissioned an architect to develop plans. Those plans will unfold in five stages, including exterior work, the sanctuary, offices, a chapel, etc.

First MCC will be the site of the Atlanta Pride Interfaith Service June 1. Pastor Rev. Reid Christensen has invited District Coordinator Rev. Jay Neely to be the speaker.

TRI-CITIES TN. Following District Conference (May 1), Revs. Polly Ireland, Carol Couch & Jay Neely participated in an installation for Pastor Chuck

Thompson. MCC Tri-Cities has rented space that will provide an office for their Pastor a meeting space. The congregation has inaugurated a 12 step program and a movie night.

CHATTANOOGA. Show your pride!!!

Those wonderful rainbow colored rally flags are still available through the auspices of the MCC Chattanooga Choir. They cost \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S&H. Send your check or money order to MCCC Choir, P.O. Box 80183, Chattanooga, TN 37414

AUGUSTA. MCC Augusta has expanded its space to include a social area. They will dedicate that space this month as the Robb Morrison Memorial Hall. Robb Morrison was one of the co-founders of MCC Augusta.

FROM ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA

Diane Meyer is the editor of MCC Asheville's newsletter "The Lighthouse". She wrote recently about this church, commissioned in February of 1993, and celebrating recently its second anniversary. She wrote:

"I would like to tell you about a special ministry in our church -- healing. Rev. Frank Scott, introduced this ministry to us when he became our pastor last November. At each service during communion, anyone who desires healing may be anointed and have special prayer by the pastor and deacons. We have heard testimony of several actual physical healings. God does answer prayer.

I would like to share with you about a special healing service we had on Good Friday. It was called "A Grief Observed". We had it in a member's living room and about 10 people attended. Frank talked about the grief the disciples must have felt after the death of Jesus. Then we went around the room and each person shared about a grief they were experiencing. Some had lost loved ones to death, some mourned the death of a relationship. Many tears were shed for ourselves and for the others in the room. After we shared we laid hands on each person and prayed for healing.

I made a few observations about healing - both spiritual and physical. 1) A problem shared is a problem lessened. There is something about sharing that makes even a physical problem lose its power. 2) MCC people care for each other. I found out things about my fellow church members that I had no idea they were going through. None of us can read minds - If people don't ask me to pray for them, I will never know what they need. 3) Nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. No grief is too great, no problem is too difficult in the eyes of God. I personally felt burdens lifted from me that night and have heard testimonies from other people who were there.

Asheville is a wonderful place to visit and we hope that if you're in the area, you'll worship with us."

GLAD/SAMARITAN. Facilitator Dr. John Moore is working with the District Instructors and Samaritan College to prepare the summer and fall/winter schedule. John Moore asks that anyone who has special needs, or requires information call evenings: 404-322-0550.

MOBILE. MCC Mobile Pastor Rev. Helene Loper traveled to MCC of the Rainbow in Jackson memorial day weekend to conduct an inclusiveness workshop and bring the message Sunday. MCC Mobile is playing a major role in staging Mobile Pride events.

COLUMBUS. Congratulations to Family of God MCC on their NEW newsletter. Pastor Rev. Liz Leech is currently making plans to become a Columbus resident, after commuting for almost two years from Montgomery.

GREENVILLE. long time member, lay leader, worship coordinator Dr. Chuck Lippy is leaving South Carolina. Chuck, who wore more hats at MCC Greenville than anyone can count will be residing in Chattanooga, TN where he will be on the faculty of The University of Tennessee. He has been honored with the prestigious position of The Leroy A. Martin Distinguished Professor of Religion. Chuck Lippy has written and published several books on religion. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Samaritan College, and GLAD is fortunate to have him as one of our GLAD/Samaritan instructors. Chuck will be attending MCC Chattanooga. Joe Carter has taken a job in Texas, so they'll be corresponding long distance.

KNOXVILLE. Pastor Rev. Jim Richards reports that MCC Knoxville is beginning the search for its own building, and beginning to work on financial development. Jim, a former minister with the Presbyterian church, was surprised and pleased to see a prayer that he had written,

as the first and last item in a study mandated by the Presbyterian church - a study on homosexuality and the church.

CONGRATULATIONS to the people who were approved for initial clergy license at District Conference: Glenna Shepherd, Christ Covenant, Chip Carson, First MCC, Bev Stepehsnson, MCC Montgomery, Jim Richards, MCC Knoxville, Doug Johnson, First MCC and Cliff Morrison Covenant MCC.

We are pleased that Rev. Doug Johnson is out of the hospital and recovering from heart complications.

Rev. Christine Oscar will be awarded the prestigious "Mark Drum Memorial Award" by "Q-NOTES" newspaper in Charlotte during the June 5 Pride Celebration. Mark Drum wrote a column for "Q-Notes" about living with Aids. He succumbed to the illness about three years ago. The award goes to Rev. Oscar for her work in the AIDS arena.

ORDINATION. Members of Covenant MCC Birmingham joined with friends and guests at the home of Rev. Cliff Morrison in the afternoon of May 11. District Coordinator Rev. Jay Neely & Rev. Marge Ragona officiated for Rev. Morrison's ordination. Rev. Morrison has demonstrated through his on-going commitment to God, church and his congregation his fitness to be UFMCC clergy. Cliff Morrison continues to need the prayers of each of us.

WANT TO HELP? Some months ago, Rev. Jim Richards, Chair, **GLAD Media Committee**, sent out a mailing requesting some help with work in the area of media relations and production for the district. He still needs some folks with Broadcast, Telecast, & print experience to work with him. call Jim at 615-521-6546.

Rev. Carol Couch, Chair, **Church Planting Committee**, has presented an excellent report and developing an exciting program of church development. She needs someone

in each state to work with her committee. Those who are Church Liaisons for the District are encouraged to be part of this work. Please call Carol at 615-490-0526.

CHARLESTON. Doing God's work. MCC Charleston raised \$3200 to benefit MCC Los Angeles, Rev. Elder Jerri Ann Harvey, in the aftermath of the LA earthquake, and New Life MCC as they continue legal efforts to occupy their new building. MCC Charleston also recently purchased 659 pounds of for a new North Charleston homeless shelter. And their CHICKEN SOUP MINISTRY recently responded to 18 people who needed assistance in one weekend. 38 members of that congregation responded to those needs. Pastor Mary Moore celebrates her fourth anniversary with that congregation on June 2.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Rev. Christine Oscar, St. Mary's MCC, was elected to the executive committee of the council, and Revs. Nancy Brown, Hickory MCC, and Wayne Lindsey, St. Johns MCC, are delegates to the councils assembly.

GLAD CONFERENCE KINGSPORT.

Thanks MCC Tri-Cities for a great job of hospitality for the recent conference. REV. ELDER DON EASTMAN really enjoyed his visit with us, and we enjoyed his outstanding workshop and inspiring message. Attendance exceeded all expectations with nearly 300 at worship Saturday night. Covenant MCC won the award for the most registrations from one church, and MCC Augusta got the banner AGAIN for the highest percentage of members attending. Thanks again to Rev. Glenna Shepherd and Robert Glor for the music program, and to Darrell Mitchell and Keith Mozingo for their part in worship in music. **Now it's on to WILMINGTON NC for fall conference November 11-13. And Spring of '95 we'll be in Montgomery AL.** By your action at District Conference in November of '93, we will be expanding activities to include Friday

afternoon. **Reminder: General Conference will be in Atlanta in July '95.**

UFMCC. In January, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson led a Fellowship delegation to the World Council of Churches meeting in South Africa. While there, they met with several South African Gay/Lesbian Church groups. Two of those groups have expressed interest in being a part of UFMCC. Some from these groups are planning to attend the UFMCC leadership conference in Dallas.

DALLAS - CONFERENCES - JULY CHURCH GROWTH: July 31 & Aug. 1
LEADERSHIP Aug. 2-4

DPOC Aug. 5-7

For information, registration, call Fellowship headquarters 213-464-5100.

There will also be a **WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE July 28-31.** For info & registration call Cathedral of Hope: 214-351-1901.

District Coordinator's itinerary:

May 28-29 MCC Wilmington
June 1 Interfaith Pride Service Atlanta
June 5 Family of God MCC Columbus
June 12 Atlanta pride Celebration
June 19 MCC Nashville
June 24-26 Stonewall 25 New York City

God is blessing us. Let us be worthy of God's mercy and goodness. Let us be witnesses of what God can do for every person, and let us carry the love of Jesus into the world.

DON'T CALL DOMINOS - Domino's Pizza recent gave it's humanitarian award to James Dobson, President of the radical right, Christian supremacist group of Colorado Springs, CO. His virulent verbal attacks, and distortions of who we are, and the equality and justice for which we work, are ongoing and unrelenting. **DON'T CALL DOMINO'S** and write letters of protest to Tim McIntyre, Director of Public Relations, Domino's Pizza, P.O. Box 997, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-0997

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
APRIL 30, MAY 1-2, 1993
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

REGISTRATIONS (170 @ \$35 plus 24 @ \$40)	\$6,910.00
FRIDAY OFFERING	584.10
SATURDAY OFFERING	414.50

TOTAL INCOME	7,908.60

EXPENSES:

DISTRICT COMMITTEE & GUESTS EXPENSES (Transportation, housing, per diem, etc.)	2,198.68
BREAKFAST (Food, gratuity & tax) AND OTHER HOTEL EXPENSES	1,147.00
POSTAGE, PHOTOCOPYING & TELEPHONE	506.80
D.C.R.C. EXPENSES	541.17

TOTAL EXPENSES	4,393.65

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES FROM CONFERENCE *	\$3,514.95
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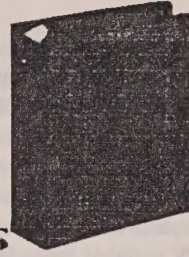
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The people believed; and when they heard that the Creator had given heed to the Israelites and that God had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped.

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "Thus says the Creator, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.'"

Exodus 4:31-5:1

WELCOME HATTIESBURG, MS

With a worship service on June 19th, our sisters and brothers in Hattiesburg, MS became the 29th worshipping body in the Gulf Lower Atlantic District. Rev. Tam Schult, Pastor, MCC Gulfcoast in Biloxi, is working with this group for the District. The worship Coordinator is Mr. Greg Yates who has been a member of MCC Gulfcoast. Our prayers are with you MCC Hattiesburg. Mailing address: P.O. Box 16931, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-6931 Phone 601 264-0586.

Congratulations Reverend Janet Suess-Pierce

Rev. Suess-Pierce has been called to the Northwest District where she will serve as District Coordinator. Her presence and skills will be missed from GLAD, but we are certain she will be a blessing for our brothers and sisters in the Northwest. Janet and her spouse, Julie Suess Pierce, will be moving to (probably) Oregon at the end of July. Julie recently received her MDiv from The International Theological Center in Atlanta, and will pursue credentialing in the Northwest.

St. John's MCC Organizes MCC Day at King's Dominion

--- near Richmond, Virginia Saturday, August 13

This annual event by St. John's MCC, to which all are invited, will be held in a new and different location. King's Dominion is just north of Richmond. Invitations have been extended to the MCC congregations in the Mid-Atlantic District, as well as GLAD. A bus will leave St. John's at 7:45 AM and will stay at King's Dominion until the Fireworks display has been completed that night (back in Raleigh after midnight). The cost, \$50.00, includes the round-trip bus transportation with light snacks and admission to King's Dominion. For those who choose to drive to King's Dominion, MCCers will gather at the front gate at noon. For information call Daniel Mullins 919 932-1855 or Paul Kessel 919 489-8931.

CHARLESTON. July 3 marks the 13th anniversary of MCC Charleston. Pastor Mary Moore celebrated her 4th anniversary with MCC Charleston in June. The congregation surprised Mary with New Carpet, new paint and refurbished bookcases in her office.

CHARLOTTE. Good news/bad news for MCC New Life. They have been advised that they can occupy their contested property without a variance. That's the good news. The bad news? Local authorities are asking that there be several very expensive tests before they use the property for worship. The tests: Can the building withstand earthquakes? Does the air conditioning meet the very latest energy efficiency requirements? How resilient is this concrete block building to the build-up of snow? Pastor Darst reports these tests are not required of other buildings of a similar size, and not required by the state of North Carolina. They have been imposed by a local code administrator for Mecklenburg County.

COLUMBUS GA. Rev. Liz Leech, Pastor, Family of God MCC has been asked to speak about MCC and Human Rights at Columbus College on July 5.

ATLANTA. Student Clergy Dee Crum, long time member of MCC Knoxville, has moved to Atlanta where she will complete her credentialing process as a member of first MCC.

ATLANTA. All Saints MCC will celebrate it's 10th anniversary the weekend of July 9-10. The tenth anniversary dinner will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, and it will feature a concert by Marsha Stevens. Ms. Stevens will also be featured during their Sunday night worship at 7 PM.

CHATTANOOGA. Marsha Stevens will also perform in concert at MCC Chattanooga on Friday July 8th at 8 PM. Rev. Polly Ireland, Pastor, has been

appointed to the newly created Chattanooga/Hamilton County HIV/AIDS Regional Advisory Committee. The Committee has been charged to initiate a community planning process which will identify and prioritize Hamilton County's HIV needs and services.

MONTGOMERY. Marsha Stevens continues her tour of our District with an appearance Saturday July 16 at MCC Montgomery at 7 PM. Earlier that day, from 11A-3P, MCC Montgomery will hold an "Inclusivity Workshop" conducted by Rev. Helene Loper

HUNTSVILLE. MCC Huntsville will dedicate their newly constructed sanctuary/meeting space on July 30. The new address is 3015 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, AL 35810. Mail should continue to be directed to their current Postal Box.

GREENVILLE. MCC Greenville is now operating a regularly scheduled van to transport people to church service on Sunday evenings. The van was a donation to the church.

BOONE, NC. The group is still small, but the enthusiasm and commitment is large. And, the local newspaper recently did a feature article on MCC of the High Country, with an interview with Worship Coordinator, Cindy Long. Cindy told the newspaper that local clergy in Boone have been very supportive of this GLAD New Work.

ATLANTA. Christ Covenant MCC Pastor, Rev. Glenna Shepherd and Deacon Tammy Johnson have been added to the board of the Decatur (GA) Cooperative Ministries. This organization is a (DeKalb) county Christian Council.

EXCEL OF THE RAINBOW ZEBRA. Trudi Barreras & Ray Wilson represented GLAD at the ALL TEAM GATHERING held in Houston, TX at MCC of the Resurrection. The next

(Excel cont.) Excel of the Zebra weekend will be held once again in Alabama, at a retreat just north of Birmingham. For information on the August 26-28 weekend, call Director Trudi Barreras at 404-892-7219 (evenings & weekends).

THE WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT. Following a good initial meeting in May, GLAD's TWS Representative, Margie Walker, is working with the women of our District to plan another multi-state meeting. Margie and Libby Puckett are also available to do workshops at local churches. Contact Margie Walker at 615-688-4980 or Libby Puckett at 704-529-5957.

Rev. Cliff Morrison -

We will always remember Cliff for his commitment, his faithfulness, and his burning desire to serve. Cliff was credentialed and ordained just prior to his passing Tuesday May 31st. His work as Pastor of Covenant MCC **Birmingham** is a testament to his ministry. He is with God, he is at peace, and we miss him!

ELSEWHERE: Many friends will be saddened to learn that Chuck Vickers recently died of complications due to AIDS. Chuck, known to many of us in GLAD, as a member of HEARTSONG, was most recently Music Director at Wichita's First MCC.

GAY/LESBIAN PROM - Elder Larry Rodriguez and his spouse were chaperones at a Gay/Lesbian High School Prom. The prom was backed by the Los Angeles Unified School District's

Board of Education. The students said they were reveling in their **right** to a rite of passage without fear of being ridiculed, rebuked or bashed for being who they are. The event was co-sponsored by the Eagles Center, a school for Gay/Lesbian students who choose not to attend traditional High Schools.

VERMONT. MCC of the Mountains installed Rev. Lisa Dawn McCabe as their Pastor. Lisa Dawn served on staff at MCC Huntsville.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO REVEREND TROY PERRY. TROY CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY ON JULY 27TH.

"The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay", Troy's first book, is being reproduced by the UFMCC as a 25th anniversary edition. The edition is expected to be ready September 1.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND THE DPOC CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN DALLAS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF HOPE.

Leadership Aug. 2-4 DPOC Aug. 5-7

A Church growth conference for Pastors will be held prior on July 31 & Aug. 1, followed by a pre-conference workshop on Sexual Ethics for Church Leaders.

For information on these conferences call the FELLOWSHIP office at 213-464-5100.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

With the pending retirement of Lois Luneberg, UFMCC Pension Administrator, applications are being accepted to fill this vacancy. This is a P/T position (20-30 hrs weekly) at a salary of (starting) &16K. This involves the day-to-day management of the trust files and pension plan. Experience in a related area is required. Deadline for application is August 1. If you are

interested in this position, please contact the District Coordinator who will FAX to you the information you will need. Applications (with resumes) should be mailed to :

ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION
UFMCC BOARD OF PENSIONS USA
P.O. BOX 107,
ARNOLD, CA 95223

CCCC Chair, Rev. Michael Piazza, is urging everyone who has been sent the proposed changes in the UFMCC credentialing process to please forward

comments to him ASAP. The CCCC will be meeting next month to discuss this proposal. Mail your response to:

Rev. Michael Piazza
Cathedral of Hope MCC,
P.O. Box 35466, Dallas, TX 75235

These are proposals, and they will be presented to the General Conference in 1995. It will also be discussed during the October '94 General Council, so your District Coordinator would also appreciate your comments.

SAMARITAN

The Samaritan Board of Trustees has approved the implementation of a dual enrollment program with Chicago Theological Seminary beginning in late 1994. Once the program receives approval from Chicago Theological Seminary faculty, MCC clergy candidates who attend Chicago Theological Seminary can enroll in a program that not only earns them a Master of Divinity degree, but will also earn a Certificate in Samaritan Studies which will meet their academic requirements for licensure in UFMCC.

The advantages of this program for MCC clergy candidates and other students pursuing theological education or who want to update their academics are:

- Opportunity for financial aid.

- Access to an outstanding theological library which includes the most up-to-date texts on human sexuality.

- Incentive to achieve additional education/training beyond the minimum required proficiencies.

Anyone who meets the standard admissions requirements for enrollment in CTS may also enroll in this program.

The advantages of this program for Samaritan are:

- Qualified Samaritan faculty will team-teach some curriculum with CTS faculty.

- Access to a theological library and increased credibility by association with Chicago Theological Seminary.

- Samaritan curriculum becomes more accessible to the larger lesbian/gay community and others interested in non-homophobic theological education.

GLAD SAMARITAN

Dr. John Moore, GLAD/Samaritan Facilitator, urges all of are interested in being instructors with Samaritan College to contact him. His home phone is 404-322-0550. There will be a Samaritan Course in conjunction with our Fall District Conference in November.

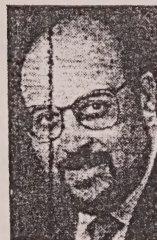
DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN WILMINGTON, NC WILL BE NOVEMBER 11-12-13. WE HAVE CONFIRMED REV. TROY PERRY AS ONE OF OUR SPEAKERS.

GOD BLESS EVERYONE!

Cobb clergy's gay stance loses punch in biblical debate

By Randy Bailey

As an ordained Baptist minister and a professor of Hebrew Scripture (commonly called the Old Testament), I was confused by the statement released June 2 by 271 Cobb County ministers supporting the



Randy Bailey

County Commission's resolution condemning the gay "lifestyle."

What confused me was some of the language included in the ministers' statement, which referred to the "clear teaching of Scripture," "God's standard of righteousness," "the clear design of our Creator" and being "called to be scripturally correct."

Do these phrases supposedly refer to laws in the Bible? That puzzles me, because such unequivocal statements imply that there is no debate on the meaning of Bible passages within the church and in academia. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Take, for example, Leviticus 18:19-23, which is often referred to by those purporting to interpret "God's will." These passages could be argued to be part of a strategy of repopulation during the postexilic period of Israel's history, and involved outlawing activity that would lead to "wasted sperm" not involved in reproduction. This could be why verse 19 speaks to prohibiting sex with one's wife during her menstrual period and why verse 23 prohibits bestiality.

Does this mean that verse 22, which prohibits a man lying with a male, is speaking of intercourse and not the homosexual lifestyle? This could also explain why lesbians are not mentioned in this text, since sperm is not involved in their sexual practices.

Are the Cobb ministers really asking the commission to endorse a 6th century B.C. repopulation strategy? If so, why not also prohibit sex during menstruation, since that too is part of the Leviticus text?

In fact, why stop there? Why not advocate rewriting the adultery laws for Cobb County to be in line with the biblical understanding of adultery, which is consensual sex between a married or engaged woman with a man other than her spouse, as Leviticus 18:20 and Deuteronomy 22:22-24 proclaim? For you see, as defined by the Hebrew Bible, a married man having sex with an unattached woman is not adultery.

WRITE TO FORUM

Forum invites contributions from Georgia readers concerned about state and local issues. Send articles to Perspective, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, P.O. Box 4689, 30302. Fax: 404-526-5611.

But why stop at adultery? The ministers ought to push commissioners to change the laws regarding rape to be in line with biblical law, as spelled out in Deuteronomy 22:28-29, where the penalty for rape is to pay her father a dowry, marry her and never be able to divorce her.

Similarly, why isn't Cobb County following the Bible's clear instructions to impose capital punishment for all adulterers and for women who marry and are discovered later not to be virgins, as Deuteronomy 22:13-22 demands?

If the Cobb ministers don't advocate all of these measures, then their claim of being "scripturally correct" on the matter of sexuality loses its force. Rather, they appear to be singling out one group for oppression. In so doing, they leave themselves open to the charge of quoting Scriptures to suit their own purposes.

So what should the Cobb ministers do with those passages of Scriptures that lead them to condemn the gay lifestyle?

Well, they can do what they appear to do with the injunction to pluck out their right eye if it causes them to sin (Matthew 5:29): Ignore it, or say it doesn't really mean what it says, for it has a spiritual and not literal meaning.

Failing that, the Cobb ministers can take a lesson from the black religious tradition, which says the injunction, "Slaves be obedient to your master" (Ephesians 6:5), may be in the Bible, but it's not scriptural. Or, the Cobb ministers could follow feminist theologians who debunk patriarchy in the Scriptures.

As a black male whose people have experienced racism in its most vicious forms — often rationalized by appeal to Bible verses called out of and in context — I have decried such biblicism. My sisters of all races have experienced sexism justified by appeal to patriarchal biblical injunctions. I have decried such injustice.

In the same manner, I can do no less than decry oppression of gays and lesbians who are part of my family as children of God.

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PRAISE GOD! THANK YOU, GOD!

by Randall Foster

I learned a lot at our District Conference last weekend. I learned how a fellowship so diverse in its worship can come together as one in the Spirit and celebrate and praise God. I learned how the Spirit could move for me in an unexpected way and bless me and lift me from a place where I did not need to be. But the weekend did not start out so good.

For reasons unknown to me, I had pretty much convinced myself that I was not going to have a good time. So when it was time for the Friday night service, I sat with my arms folded and kept praying to myself, "Where's the fire, Lord? Where's the joy? Where's the celebration?" About midway through the service I was ready to leave and sit in the lobby until the service was over. But then a young black woman got up to sing. She sang a rap song that she had written. Now, honestly, I don't even like rap music. But the fire and conviction in her voice began to overpower me. I knew the Spirit was moving through her and all over me. My feet began to move and my hands began to clap. Soon I was on my feet shouting and praising!

Beginning with that service and for the rest of the weekend things climbed higher and higher. I witnessed holy dancing (or dancing in the Spirit) and even more music and singing that had the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The preaching (at least in the Saturday night and Sunday morning services) was full of fire and excitement. And in among all of these there were times of peace and beauty. Needless to say, I left Augusta feeling blessed and much better. I marveled at how God could take peace and reverence and fire and conviction and put them side by side and turn them into one big celebration. So, all this week, all I could say was, "Praise you, God! Thank you, God!"

Then I had time to think about our own church. I've seen a few brothers and sisters at times raise a hand in praise. I do that occasionally myself. I've heard some Alleluias and Amens. A few "Preach it, brother!" (or "sister" as the case may be). But I've also come to learn that some are uncomfortable with these bits of praise in our services -- even uncomfortable with something as simple and beautiful as clapping hands during hymn singing.

As I said earlier, I learned a lot during conference weekend. I know in my heart that all of the diversity we have been blessed with here at Covenant can work side by side as it did at conference. I believe we need to pray for understanding and acceptance of one another's differences. Bottom line, just come to know that in all these things the most important is that the Holy Spirit is moving and, above all, God is being praised. That's all that really matters.

So what could be in the future for our church? Maybe a little more hand raising? A little more clapping or shouting? Perhaps even some speaking in tongues or aisle running or holy dancing? Or maybe just quiet and reverence. Well, I certainly hope so! I can't wait! Maybe it'll all happen in one service! But when it does, please don't walk or run out the front door. Stay and watch and listen. When the Spirit moves and our wills are open, we will truly be as one in the Body of Christ. Just look up and shout or bow your head and quietly pray, "Praise you, God. Thank you, God! Thank you for just letting us be!"

UFMCC

PERRY. Rev. Elder Troy Perry has been visiting MCC Churches in Sydney, Australia, and will be the speaker for the "Blessing of Mardi Gras." The Mardi Gras is the largest Gay/Lesbian pride event in Australia. Rev. Perry will also be looking over sites for 1997 General Conference.

MCC L-A continues to meet in temporary quarters following the recent California earthquake. As reported earlier, the church building cannot be rehabilitated. Now, because the building is on a historic registry, the congregation faces possible lengthy delays in deciding what to do with the property.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE brochures have been delayed at the printer, but they are expected to be in the mail by the end of the first week of March. The conference on "Mutuality, Ministry & The New Millennium" will be held in Dallas August 2-4. MCC Dallas will be offering a church growth seminar preceding the leadership conference, and DPOC will hold their conference immediately following the leadership offering.

THE DIRECTORY of Fellowship churches is now in the process of being

completed. Frank Zerilli at UFMCC headquarters says the directory should be in the mail SOON.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE President, Rev. Sandra Robinson, is the keynote speaker March 4 & 5 at a conference on Racism, Sexism and Heterosexism sponsored by the Raleigh (NC) Religious Network Gay for Gay & Lesbian Equality. The conference will be held at the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church.

SAMARITAN CORRESPONDENCE COURSES are once again available. For a brochure & information: Contact : SAMARITAN COLLEGE, P.O. Box 688, Lewisville, TX 75067 214-221-7749. You can also contact your GLAD SAMARITAN facilitator, Dr. Ray Barreras at 404-892-7219.

STONEWALL 25 slated for the end of June in New York City, marks the 25th anniversary of the birth of the gay rights movement in 1969. The observance will feature two UFMCC sponsored events: A UFMCC worship service at the Lincoln Center's Tully Hall, and a mass prayer vigil around the Inter-Church Center, which provides national Headquarters for several religious organizations, including the National Council of Churches.

AROUND GLAD

MCC Myrtle Beach is developing an AIDS ministry. They will be facilitating an HIV support group, and supplying a food closet for their CARE TEAM. This "New Work" will also sponsor a Gay/Lesbian switchboard for the Myrtle Beach, SC area. We're also pleased to

report that Pastoral Leader, Rev'd. Buddy Vess, after a brief stay in the hospital, is back in the pulpit. Buddy thanks all of you for your prayers.

EXCEL OF THE RAINBOW ZEBRA is holding it's first district wide Christian sharing experience, (Cont. next page).



GLAD NEWS & NOTES

February 28, 1994

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to The Creator, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:11-12

We thank God for the blessings of new friends, new colleagues, new sisters and brothers in Christ. The blessing of new challenges and growing ministries!



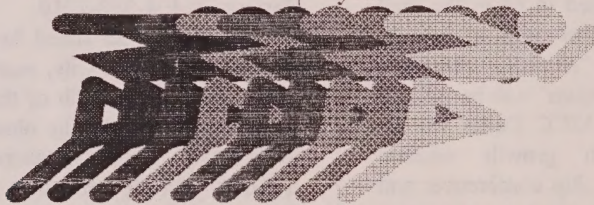
St. John's MCC - Raleigh celebrated its 18th anniversary and it's new building the weekend of February 26 & 27.

MCC Asheville formally installed Rev. Frank Scott as its new Pastor Feb. 20th.

MCC Montgomery installs Ms. Bev Stephenson as its new Pastor the weekend of March 5-6. Bev

completed her student clergy work at **MCC San Antonio**.

MCC Tri-Cities has called student clergy Mr. Chuck Thompson as its new Pastor. Chuck has been serving in an interim capacity. Chuck who completed the bulk of his student clergy at **MCC Chattanooga**, will complete his student clergy work this year.



GET READY TO HEAD FOR THE TRI-CITIES OF TENNESSEE
DISTRICT CONFERENCE APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1

RAMADA INN, KINGSPORT TN

Our special guests

Rev. Elder Don Eastman, UFMCC Vice Moderator -

Rev. Delores Berry, Evangelist

BE WITH US FOR WORSHIP -- WORKSHOPS -- FELLOWSHIP

To insure Hotel reservations, they must be made by April 6. Early conference registration deadline April 15. Details, Pg 4.

Conference registration form enclosed.

April 8-10. The retreat site is north of Birmingham, AL, and the \$65.00 registration includes meals and snacks and cabin sleeping. The experience builds through the weekend and participants are expected to take part in the entire program. EXCEL INTERNATIONAL, a Fellowship program, is primarily a lay-run renewal program. For information, you can call Trudie or Ray Barreras, 404-892-7219. MCC MOBILE Celebrates it's 9th. Anniversary in March. They are planning an anniversary dinner for Saturday, March 12.

MCC NASHVILLE continues to demonstrate renewed vitality. Sunday Worship attendance has been between 45 & 50 since Rev. Dr. Truluck was called to "Music City" at the first of the year.

FIRST MCC - ATLANTA is poised to break the 200 barrier. The last induction of members placed the membership at 196.

MCC TRI-CITIES inaugurated its Wednesday night worship services in February.

MCC AUGUSTA has created a space in their facility that will eventually be used as a community area. They have also decided that it is time to begin planning for the purchase of their own property.

MCC CHATTANOOGA is inviting everyone to show their colors. You've seen those car flags for various colleges. Now you can have you own RAINBOW car flag. The Choir of MCC Chattanooga is sponsoring the sale of

these flags, and order forms are on their way to your church. You can fly the flag on the way to District Conference and on your way to New York City for "Stonewall 25."

It didn't take long for Rev. Paul Turner, Pastor, ALL SAINTS MCC - ATLANTA, to get involved in the Metro Atlanta Community. Paul was invited to be one of the speakers at a rally protesting the use of a Cobb County site for Olympic volleyball in 1996. Cobb County recently passed a resolution "condemning" the gay/lesbian life-style.

ST. JUDE'S MCC - WILMINGTON has a new phone number at the church: 910-762-JUDE. That number had been a private one for 20 years, but was scheduled for release after noon of the day the St. Jude's congregation applied for it. Pastoral Leader Kathy Beall thanks everyone for keeping daughter LaPassion in prayer. LaPassion had eye surgery and is doing very well.

Rev. Jim Becker has resigned as Pastor of MCC JACKSON. A team from the District, Ms. Cassi Wylie, Rev. Reid Christensen & Rev. Tam Schult will be working with the Jackson congregation the weekend of March 12 & 13 to develop plans for the ongoing ministry. Please keep the Jackson church and the team in your prayers.

MCC HUNTSVILLE will be saying, so long, for a while, to Rev. Lisa Dawn McCabe. Lisa Dawn has been called as Pastor of MCC of the Mountains in Hanover, New Hampshire. How blessed (Cont. next page).

are the people of New Hampshire. We will all miss Lisa Dawn, but she goes with our prayers and our love. We'll see you at General Conference in Atlanta in '95, Lisa Dawn.

The new DISTRICT DIRECTORY has been completed and mailed to the churches and lay delegates. If your church, or delegate, has not received theirs, please contact the District office at 404-325-1372.

NOTE THESE CHANGES: New telephone number for MCC OF THE HIGH COUNTRY - BOONE, NC: 704-963-8582.

New meeting place address for MCC GULFCOAST: 5:30 PM Sunday at 1778 Pass Rd., Biloxi, MS. They will continue to use their box number for mail.

The FALL GLAD CONFERENCE (Nov. 11-13) site has been moved to WILMINGTON, NC. We were unable to find affordable facilities in Charleston, SC. There are some new facilities being constructed in Charleston, and we will keep that coastal city and MCC CHARLESTON in our future conference plans. We thank ST. JUDE'S MCC for helping us keep the conference on the Atlantic coast.

MCC CHARLOTTE and MCC NEW LIFE - CHARLOTTE will be holding a combined Easter sunrise service at Freedom Park in Charlotte. Following service, they have an all-out "Southern Breakfast".

In Atlanta, CHRIST COVENANT MCC, FIRST MCC & ALL SAINTS

MCC will hold a joint Easter sunrise service in Piedmont park.

FIRST MCC adds an additional worship service to their schedule, Sunday at 9 AM starting March 27.

CHRIST COVENANT MCC is planning a retreat March 25-27 at Camp Calvin, Hampton, GA. \$40.00 fee includes meals and lodging. For more information call 404-297-0350.

Rev'd. Randy Votsch, Pastor, MCC CHARLOTTE, will be speaking at the University of North Carolina on March 29 in conjunction with Gay Awareness week.

At last report, MCC NEW LIFE - CHARLOTTE, in the court action that has kept them from using the building that they had purchased. Continue to keep them in prayer.

MCC GULFCOAST was approved by the District Committee for commissioning. This work was 4 years old on December 3, of 1993. Their commissioning is an affirmation of the faith and constancy to the work of UFMCC on the Mississippi Gulfcoast.

Rev. Nancy Brown, Pastor, MCC HICKORY, reports a recent class on the "Bible and Homosexuality" became quite lively when a pair of "fundamentalists" showed up determined to "set the record straight." No minds were changed, but the discussion was impassioned.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR'S UP-COMING ITINERARY:

March 5-6 MCC Montgomery Bev. Stephenson's Installation
March 8- 16 UFMCC Headquarters -- Los Angeles General Council
March 26-27 MCC Hickory April 2-3 MCC Tri-Cities

ABOUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE: This will be the first GLAD District Conference for Rev. Elder Don Eastman since he was appointed the Liaison Elder to our District. Rev. Eastman is the Treasurer and 2nd. Vice Moderator for UFMCC. Don Eastman's administrative and organization talents have been a vital part of the Fellowship Headquarters operations. Don will be leading an intensive "Board Workshop" at our conference. We urge every church to have their board members take part in this valuable experience.

We are very pleased that Rev. Delores Berry has been able to arrange her schedule to include participation in this spring's conference. Her evangelistic ministry has been an inspiration to UFMCC congregations around the world. In addition to her ministry in word and music, Rev. Berry will lead a workshop on "Evangelism & Outreach," a necessity for every church. There will also be workshops on dealing with addiction, on developing plans and means for acquiring your own church, using personal evangelism to bring people to Jesus Christ, and other opportunities to learn and grow.

For the first time, the conference will include a Children's sermon as part of the Sunday morning worship

Many of you told us how much you enjoyed the Saturday night dance, following worship at the Augusta Conference. We are pleased to include a Saturday night dance in the spring schedule.

The congregation of TRI-CITIES MCC has been working hard to plan and prepare for you at this conference. Mr. Bob McClure, Chair of the Tri-Cities MCC conference committee, extends a personal, warm invitation to everyone to be part of this conference. There are many interesting things to do and see in the Tri-Cities area. History buffs will enjoy visiting some of the colonial restorations in the area.

Ms. Glenna Shepherd, Pastor, CHRIST COVENANT MCC and Mr. Robert Glor are the music directors for this conference. They are working on an ambitious music worship program.

Please be certain to make your hotel reservation no later than April 6. The phone number for the hotel is 615-245-0271. Be sure you tell them you are with the GLAD Conference, or MCC. Remember, too, that the Saturday morning breakfast is included in your registration fee, IF you have sent you conference registration in by April 15. We must be able to provide the hotel with an accurate count of the number of people having breakfast.

This promises to be an outstanding conference,. We look forward to seeing you.
GOD BLESS EVERYONE!

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE
APRIL 29, 30 & MAY 1, 1994
FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

REGISTRATIONS (195 @ \$35 plus 40 @ \$40)	\$8,425.00
FRIDAY OFFERING	557.04
SATURDAY OFFERING	771.36

TOTAL INCOME	9,753.40
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EXPENSES:

DISTRICT COMMITTEE & GUESTS EXPENSES (Transportation, housing, per diem, etc.)	2,989.32
BREAKFAST (Food, gratuity & tax) AND OTHER HOTEL EXPENSES	2,002.91
POSTAGE, PHOTOCOPYING & TELEPHONE, ETC.	868.32
DCRC EXPENSES	968.93
RENTAL OF SOUND EQUIPMENT	598.50

TOTAL EXPENSES	7,427.98
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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES FROM CONFERENCE *	\$2,325.42
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* \$465.08 (20%) TRANSFERRED TO STUDENT CLERGY FUND & \$465.08 (20%)
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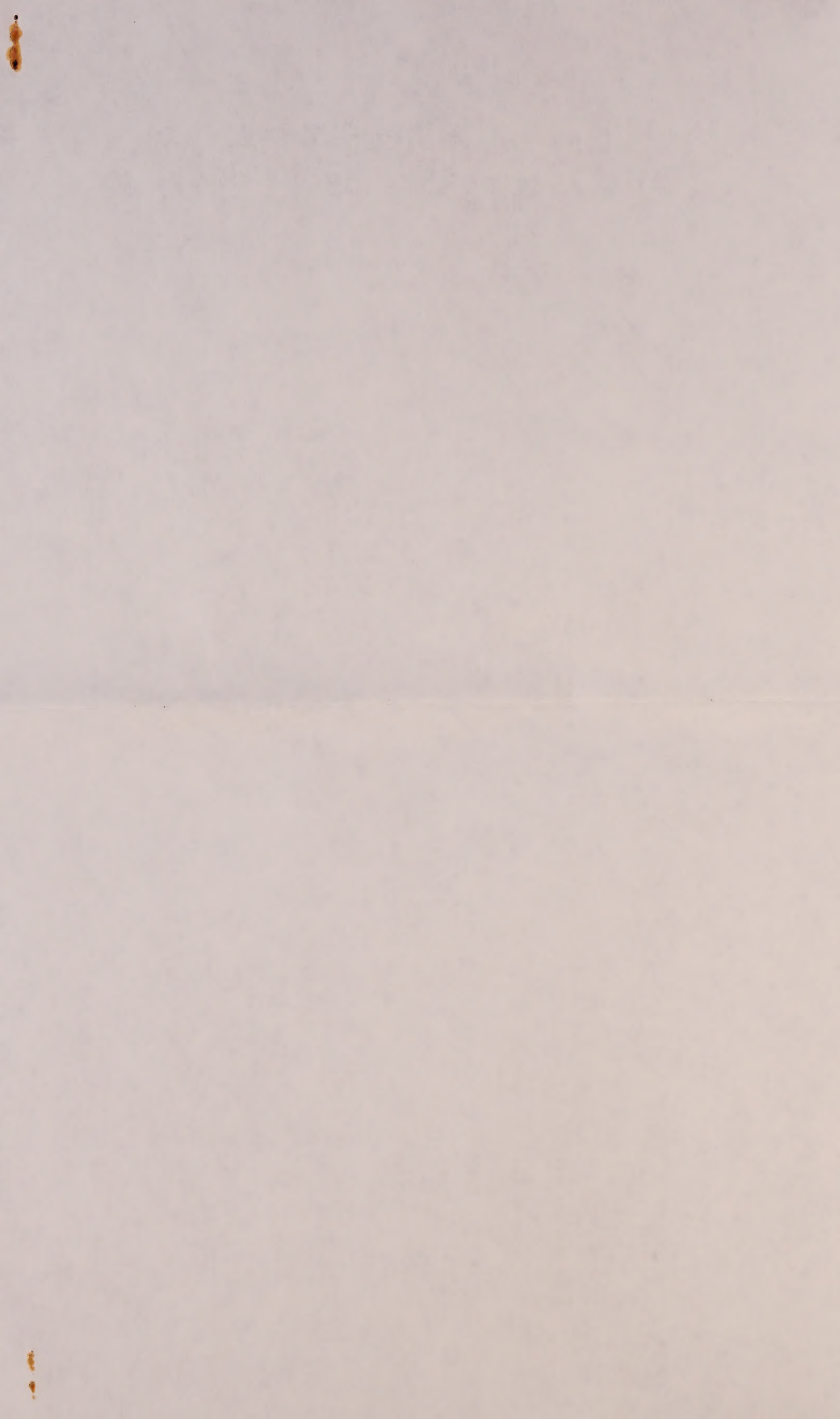
GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH DECEMBER, 1993

OPERATING BUDGET

CHURCH TITHES**		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTALS
ALABAMA	Birmingham (Covenant MCC)	\$139.67	\$255.27	\$258.63	\$195.46	\$241.76	\$271.45	\$245.88	\$192.53	\$299.70	\$219.90		\$487.37	\$2,807.62
	Huntsville	160.87		348.94	175.75	174.92	251.41	160.66	175.32	286.13	148.69	172.19	164.19	2,219.07
	Mobile	88.91	95.63	69.80	61.20	67.50	91.65	86.21	32.54	55.35	40.25	85.43	69.13	843.60
GEORGIA	Montgomery	52.88	74.00	49.60	54.70	40.65	90.35		91.65		85.45	37.70	67.32	644.30
	Atlanta (All Saints MCC)	498.06		422.61	166.47		337.61	141.46	139.31	153.55		211.79	57.91	2,128.77
	Atlanta (First MCC)	349.23	368.72	320.92	286.09	337.77	378.25		604.51	371.26	354.59	441.81	373.55	4,186.70
MISSISSIPPI	Augusta	69.83	90.20	89.70	82.19	47.85	56.33	49.36	62.23	62.34	63.71	69.80	51.96	795.50
	Columbus (Family of God MCC)	5.77	18.91	13.88	9.30	22.25	23.85	17.71	23.36	30.16	26.30	31.70	15.35	238.54
	St. John's (Christ Covenant MCC)	95.82	120.65			322.26	154.70	93.70	150.60	211.67	122.33	268.10	195.54	1,735.37
NO CAROLINA	Biloxi/Gulfport (MCC of the Gulf Coast)	11.25			62.70	41.85	25.48	18.75	14.30		54.95	21.05	20.30	270.63
	Jackson	62.80	35.75	26.88	63.95	42.80	72.25	64.22	40.65	130.30	94.27			633.87
	Asheville	121.88	69.10	62.05	67.45	60.72	88.27	53.25	72.10	69.00	66.90	84.50	56.80	872.02
SO CAROLINA	Boone (New Work -- August, 1993)										6.16	8.90		15.06
	Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	204.11	268.76	236.45	204.66	239.74	233.78	248.39	222.49	278.52	250.05	295.76	199.74	2,882.45
	Charlotte (New Life MCC)	142.42	144.67	119.13	91.66	131.41	131.72	123.62	118.32	170.80	127.94	169.74	122.76	1,594.19
TENNESSEE	Greensboro (St. Mary's MCC)	212.65	271.71	218.15	226.89	291.20	232.23			767.55	209.73	271.83		2,701.94
	Hickory	121.45	109.16	120.78	80.62	67.77	109.11	108.18	110.57	128.69	97.55	162.30	106.67	1,322.85
	Raleigh (St. John's MCC)	181.80	317.18	249.00	213.69	197.08	275.01	242.08	182.02	285.40	233.88	303.28	269.71	2,950.13
ALABAMA	Wilmington (St. Jude's MCC)	65.75	82.62	73.19	47.10			232.53	81.45	117.99	100.05		159.70	960.38
	Charleston	169.66	196.65	192.17	166.52	195.11	209.01	164.20	180.42	334.87	216.35	243.07	216.61	2,484.64
	Savannah, GA (Par Ext. - MCC Charleston)		9.55	13.25	10.30	34.61	16.00			23.38	44.60	22.05	20.41	194.15
MISSISSIPPI	Columbia (New Work -- August, 1993)									36.82	67.10	75.87	65.31	245.10
	Greenville	112.85	136.95	100.68	93.70	95.24	131.64	120.44	98.82	151.35	108.22	206.66	170.74	1,527.29
	Myrtle Beach (New Work -- Oct, 1993)												44.06	44.06
MISSISSIPPI	Chattanooga	94.07		252.78	79.00	92.20				327.13			201.22	1,046.40
	Knoxville	88.70	221.37	187.34	153.49	128.51	258.89	192.38	188.42	196.65	141.82	235.73	187.08	2,190.38
	Nashville	52.51	62.50	50.20	53.02	36.91	56.82	45.18	44.45			133.33	146.37	681.29
MISSISSIPPI	Tri-Cities	55.80	55.99	58.68	44.17	39.26	54.13	49.20	47.93	54.69	62.23	71.44	48.82	642.34
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES **		\$3,158.74	\$3,005.34	\$3,534.81	\$2,690.08	\$2,959.37	\$3,549.94	\$2,457.40	\$2,833.34	\$4,453.65	\$2,979.05	\$3,718.30	\$3,518.62	\$38,858.64
NON-TITHE INCOME														
MISSISSIPPI	District Conference Fund Income	\$16.64		\$2,234.72	\$3,829.84	\$1,928.60	\$66.17	\$24.18		\$1,151.16	\$6,415.25	\$4,387.71	(\$179.55)	\$19,874.72
	Miscellaneous In-kind or Other Contributions								222.00		150.00			372.00
	District Fundraising													0.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME		\$16.64	\$0.00	\$2,234.72	\$3,829.84	\$1,928.60	\$66.17	\$24.18	\$222.00	\$1,151.16	\$6,565.25	\$4,387.71	(\$179.55)	\$20,246.72
TOTAL INCOME -- OPERATING BUDGET		\$3,175.38	\$3,005.34	\$5,769.53	\$6,519.92	\$4,887.97	\$3,616.11	\$2,481.58	\$3,055.34	\$5,604.81	\$9,544.30	\$8,106.01	\$3,339.07	\$59,105.36
NON-BUDGET INCOME														
MISSISSIPPI	New Works Fund Income					\$50.00	\$702.99						\$884.13	\$1,637.12
	Student Clergy Fund Income					300.00	702.99				150.00		884.13	\$2,037.12
	Miscellaneous at-large donations		\$250.00											250.00
MISSISSIPPI	Samaritan Fund Income						730.00	235.00	1,535.00	250.00	1,870.00	2,890.00	447.50	7,957.50
	DPOC/WPHR Fund Income													0.00
	Miscellaneous interest	\$32.85		\$18.50	34.32		18.90	28.52		18.90	47.07		18.70	217.76
MISSISSIPPI	Special Ministries Income		58.00		20.00						20.00			98.00
SUBTOTAL NON-BUDGET INCOME		\$32.85	\$308.00	\$18.50	\$54.32	\$350.00	\$2,154.88	\$263.52	\$1,535.00	\$268.90	\$2,087.07	\$2,890.00	\$2,234.46	\$12,197.50
TOTAL INCOME		\$3,208.23	\$3,313.34	\$5,788.03	\$6,574.24	\$5,237.97	\$5,770.99	\$2,745.10	\$4,590.34	\$5,873.71	\$11,631.37	\$10,996.01	\$5,573.53	\$71,302.86

** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TITHES ARE CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

Tithes for the following churches are late: M.C.C. Jackson (Nov); St. Mary's M.C.C. (Nov); M.C.C. Chattanooga (Oct & Nov + \$41.67); M.C.C. of the High Country (Nov)



GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 1993

OPERATING BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS	BUD VAR Y-T-D
District Coordinator's Salary	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00	\$13,500.00	
District Coordinator's Housing Allowance	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	7,200.00	
District Coordinator's Medical Insurance	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	3,300.00	
District Coordinator's Compensation Package	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	24,000.00	0.00%
District Coordinator's Office Expenses	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	166.40	290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.93	0.00	0.00	566.33	-52.81%
Travel Expenses-District Officers Within District	500.00	0.00	94.64	1,044.03	475.72	232.00	962.25	553.20	345.18	509.71	448.12	299.94	398.69	5,363.48	-10.61%
Communications		39.91	112.28	384.41	199.05	18.49	147.50	244.85	170.72	192.92	172.07	464.45	529.77	2,676.42	
Telephone		0.00	133.96	185.70	127.90	9.95	42.68	103.66	64.36	105.92	46.29	100.59	139.34	1,060.35	
Postage		0.00	39.57	0.00	4.01	0.00	12.99	53.56	28.79	10.63	0.00	28.22	25.42	203.19	
Office Supplies		0.00	76.58	72.98	47.40	0.00	0.00	26.44	79.81	0.00	50.10	46.92	189.59	589.82	
Printing & Photocopying															
Subtotal Communications	375.00	39.91	362.39	643.09	378.36	28.44	203.17	428.51	343.68	309.47	268.46	640.18	884.12	4,529.78	0.66%
General Council Expenses-District Coordinator	100.00	0.00	0.00	436.12	0.00	268.00	0.00	0.00	977.35	0.00	0.00	519.70	0.00	2,201.17	83.43%
District Reps. Travel (FFO, COL, and DPOC/WPHR)	358.00	0.00	4,299.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,299.00	0.07%
Expenditure For Computer	167.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	-0.20%
Dist. Comm. Meetings (Not During Dist. Conf.)	100.00	0.00	637.24	0.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	401.48	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,278.72	6.56%
Church Assistance	100.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00	25.00%
SUBTOTAL OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES	\$3,800.00	\$2,039.91	\$7,893.27	\$4,123.24	\$5,020.48	\$3,058.44	\$3,165.42	\$3,481.71	\$4,067.69	\$2,819.18	\$2,826.51	\$3,959.82	\$3,282.81	\$45,738.48	0.30%
District Conference Expenses		\$0.00	\$37.07	\$269.33	\$1,097.83	\$2,175.81	\$1,919.59	\$0.00	\$47.08	\$1,085.00	\$181.84	\$5,422.07	\$2,301.39	\$14,537.01	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES		\$2,039.91	\$7,930.34	\$4,392.57	\$6,118.31	\$5,234.25	\$5,085.01	\$3,481.71	\$4,114.77	\$3,904.18	\$3,008.35	\$9,381.89	\$5,584.20	\$60,275.49	\$60,275.49
NON-BUDGET ITEMS															
Charge to Samaritan Fund		\$101.60		\$37.45	\$24.81	\$66.38			\$6.31	\$120.00	\$3,665.00	\$799.60	\$459.50	\$5,145.70	
Charge to Special Ministries Fund				750.00		1,380.00	\$250.00			250.00				134.95	
Charge to Student Clergy Fund											350.00	20.78		2,630.00	
Charge to DPOC/WPHR Fund					193.00			875.47						370.78	
Charge to COL Fund								\$653.94						1,068.47	
Charge to FFO Fund												500.00		653.94	
Charge to Unallocated Savings					145.36	28.19	353.19	28.19	28.19	132.89		275.48	(199.00)	500.00	
Charge to New Works Fund														792.49	
Paid to UFMCC on behalf of M.C.C. Nashville			\$250.00											250.00	
Annual registration - State of Georgia			15.00											15.00	
Loan written off as uncollectible			400.00											590.00	
TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES		\$101.60	\$665.00	\$787.45	\$363.17	\$1,474.57	\$603.19	\$682.13	\$909.97	\$502.89	\$4,015.00	\$1,595.86	\$450.50	\$12,151.33	\$12,151.33
TOTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING TRANSFERS		\$2,141.51	\$8,595.34	\$5,180.02	\$6,481.48	\$6,708.82	\$5,688.20	\$4,163.84	\$5,024.74	\$4,407.07	\$7,023.35	\$10,977.75	\$6,034.70	\$72,426.82	\$72,426.82
LESS TRANSFERS		\$0.00	(\$4,299.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,299.00)	(\$4,299.00)
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES		\$2,141.51	\$4,296.34	\$5,180.02	\$6,481.48	\$6,708.82	\$5,688.20	\$4,163.84	\$5,024.74	\$4,407.07	\$7,023.35	\$10,977.75	\$6,034.70	\$68,127.82	\$68,127.82

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 1993
(CONTINUED)

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	\$3,175.38	\$3,005.34	\$5,769.53	\$6,519.92	\$4,887.97	\$3,616.11	\$2,481.58	\$3,055.34	\$5,604.81	\$9,544.30	\$8,106.01	\$3,339.07	\$59,105.36
OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES	(2,039.91)	(7,930.34)	(4,392.57)	(6,118.31)	(5,234.25)	(5,085.01)	(3,481.71)	(4,114.77)	(3,904.18)	(3,008.35)	(9,381.89)	(5,584.20)	(\$60,275.49)
EXCESS OF OPERATING INCOME OVER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$1,135.47	(\$4,925.00)	\$1,376.96	\$401.61	(\$346.28)	(\$1,468.90)	(\$1,000.13)	(\$1,059.43)	\$1,700.63	\$6,535.95	(\$1,275.88)	(\$2,245.13)	(\$1,170.13)
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TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME	\$3,208.23	\$3,313.34	\$5,788.03	\$6,574.24	\$5,237.97	\$5,770.99	\$2,745.10	\$4,590.34	\$5,873.71	\$11,631.37	\$10,996.01	\$5,573.53	\$71,302.86
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES	(2,141.51)	(4,296.34)	(5,180.02)	(6,481.48)	(6,708.82)	(5,688.20)	(4,163.84)	(5,024.74)	(4,407.07)	(7,023.35)	(10,977.75)	(6,034.70)	(\$68,127.82)
EXCESS OF TOTAL INCOME OVER TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,066.72	(\$983.00)	\$608.01	\$92.76	(\$1,470.85)	\$82.79	(\$1,418.74)	(\$434.40)	\$1,466.64	\$4,608.02	\$18.26	(\$461.17)	\$3,175.04
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ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER, 1993

DISPOSITION OF EXCESS(DEFICIT)												
To incr.(decr.) unallocated checking account	\$1,118.83	(\$4,902.93)	(\$588.43)	(\$330.40)	(\$99.07)	\$384.52	(\$1,024.31)	\$1,987.65	\$1,634.47	\$302.54	(\$241.52)	\$235.81
To incr.(decr.) allocated checking account	0.00	0.00	0.00	(145.36)	21.81	349.80	(28.19)	(28.19)	(132.89)	0.00	(275.48)	1,083.13
To incr.(decr.) dist. conf. fund account	16.64	(37.07)	1,965.39	732.01	(247.21)	(1,853.42)	24.18	(3,047.08)	66.16	6,233.41	(1,034.36)	(2,480.94)
To incr.(decr.) unallocated savings account	1.96	0.00	0.00	6.33	0.00	0.00	6.39	0.00	0.00	10.68	(500.00)	0.00
To incr.(decr.) student clergy fund	25.79	0.00	(740.75)	22.14	(1,080.00)	462.44	11.28	0.00	(240.55)	159.59	0.00	893.48
To incr.(decr.) special ministries account	2.71	58.00	(37.45)	(1.01)	(66.38)	0.00	2.79	(6.31)	0.00	22.81	0.00	0.00
To incr.(decr.) Samaritan fund account	(99.21)	0.00	9.25	2.05	0.00	739.45	243.06	1,535.00	139.45	(1,771.01)	2,090.40	(2.65)
To incr.(decr.) COL fund account	0.00	1,433.00	0.00	(193.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(875.47)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
To incr.(decr.) DPOC/WPHR fund account	0.00	1,433.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(350.00)	(20.78)	0.00
To incr.(decr.) FFO fund account	0.00	1,433.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(653.94)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
To incr.(decr.) outstanding loans account	0.00	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(190.00)
	\$1,066.72	(\$983.00)	\$608.01	\$92.76	(\$1,470.85)	\$82.79	(\$1,418.74)	(\$434.40)	\$1,466.64	\$4,608.02	\$18.26	(\$461.17)

	DECEMBER												
Unallocated Checking Account Balance *	2,483.03	\$3,601.86	(\$1,301.07)	(\$1,889.50)	(\$2,219.90)	(\$2,318.97)	(\$1,934.45)	(\$2,958.76)	(\$971.11)	\$663.36	\$965.90	\$724.38	960.19
New Works Fund -- Allocated Checking	3,523.79	3,523.79	3,523.79	3,523.79	3,378.43	3,400.24	3,750.04	3,721.85	3,693.66	3,560.77	3,560.77	3,285.29	4,368.42
Savings Acct. (Dist. Conf. Fund) Balance	9,410.19	9,426.83	9,389.76	11,355.15	12,087.16	11,839.95	9,986.53	10,010.71	6,963.63	7,029.79	13,263.20	12,228.84	9,747.90
Unallocated Savings Account Balance	1,281.72	1,283.68	1,283.68	1,283.68	1,290.01	1,290.01	1,290.01	1,296.40	1,296.40	1,296.40	1,307.08	807.08	807.08
Student Clergy Fund	3,704.75	3,730.54	3,730.54	2,989.79	3,011.93	1,931.93	2,394.37	2,405.65	2,405.65	2,165.10	2,324.69	2,324.69	3,218.17
Special Ministries Fund	389.19	391.90	449.90	412.45	411.44	345.06	345.06	347.85	341.54	341.54	364.35	364.35	364.35
Samaritan Fund	1,344.12	1,244.91	1,244.91	1,254.16	1,256.21	1,256.21	1,995.66	2,238.72	3,773.72	3,913.17	2,142.16	4,232.56	4,229.91
COL FUND	0.00	0.00	1,433.00	1,433.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	364.53	364.53	364.53	364.53	364.53
DPOC/WPHR Fund	146.76	146.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,579.76	1,229.76	1,208.98	1,208.98
FFO FUND	0.00	0.00	1,433.00	1,433.00	1,433.00	1,433.00	1,433.00	779.06	779.06	779.06	779.06	779.06	779.06
Outstanding Loans to Member Churches	590.00	590.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	0.00
	\$22,873.55	\$23,940.27	\$22,957.27	\$23,565.28	\$23,658.04	\$22,187.19	\$22,269.98	\$20,851.24	\$20,416.84	\$21,883.48	\$26,491.50	\$26,509.76	\$26,048.59

*includes \$300.00 Petty Cash

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
NEW WORKS FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW WORKS FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$3,523.79	\$3,523.79	\$3,523.79	\$3,523.79	\$3,378.43	\$3,400.24	\$3,750.04	\$3,721.85	\$3,693.66	\$3,560.77	\$3,560.77	\$3,285.29
INCOME:												
At-large donations					\$50.00							
Allocation from District Conference Fund						\$702.99						\$884.13
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$702.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$884.13
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Family of God M.C.C. - telephone bill aid				\$145.36	\$28.19	\$28.19	\$28.19	\$28.19				
Insurance premium for M.C.C. of the Gulf Coast						325.00						(199.00)
Chi Rho Press - pamphlets									132.89			
Travel expenses to Boone, Wilmington & Myrtle Beach											275.48	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.36	\$28.19	\$353.19	\$28.19	\$28.19	\$132.89	\$0.00	\$275.48	(\$199.00)
NEW WORKS FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$3,523.79	\$3,523.79	\$3,523.79	\$3,378.43	\$3,400.24	\$3,750.04	\$3,721.85	\$3,693.66	\$3,560.77	\$3,560.77	\$3,285.29	\$4,368.42

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$9,410.19	\$9,426.83	\$9,389.76	\$11,355.15	\$12,087.16	\$11,839.95	\$9,986.53	\$10,010.71	\$6,963.63	\$7,029.79	\$13,263.20	\$12,228.84
INCOME:												
Interest	\$16.64		\$64.72	\$19.84		\$66.17	\$24.18		66.16	\$0.25		\$65.45
Registrations for Birmingham Conference			2,170.00	3,810.00	\$930.00							
Friday offering - Birmingham Conference					584.10							
Saturday offering - Birmingham Conference					414.50							
Registrations - Augusta Conference									1,085.00	6,415.00	2,955.00	(245.00)
Friday offering - Augusta Conference											569.74	
Saturday offering - Augusta Conference											829.97	
Breakfast tickets purchased - Augusta Conference											33.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$16.64	\$0.00	\$2,234.72	\$3,829.84	\$1,928.60	\$66.17	\$24.18	\$0.00	\$1,151.16	\$6,415.25	\$4,387.71	(\$179.55)
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Printing, postage, telephone, etc. - Birmingham Conference		\$37.07	\$24.33	\$136.49	\$66.65	242.26						
District Committee and guests expenses - Birmingham Conference			245.00	961.34	1,839.34			\$47.08				
Transfer to cash for expenditure for lap-top computer				2,000.00								
D.C.R.C. expenses - Birmingham Conference					269.82	271.35						884.13
Transferred to New Works Fund						702.99						884.13
Transferred to Student Clergy						702.99						
Transferred to Cash								3,000.00				
District Committee and guests expenses - Augusta Conference									685.00	\$100.00	1,885.92	583.59
Printing, postage, telephone, etc. - Augusta Conference									400.00	81.84	302.25	(50.46)
Breakfast and other hotel expenses - Augusta Conference											3,233.90	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$37.07	\$269.33	\$3,097.83	\$2,175.81	\$1,919.59	\$0.00	\$3,047.08	\$1,085.00	\$181.84	\$5,422.07	\$2,301.39
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$9,426.83	\$9,389.76	\$11,355.15	\$12,087.16	\$11,839.95	\$9,986.53	\$10,010.71	\$6,963.63	\$7,029.79	\$13,263.20	\$12,228.84	\$9,747.90

\$7,000 OF THIS ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS BEEN INVESTED IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
UNALLOCATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UNALLOCATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,281.72	\$1,283.68	\$1,283.68	\$1,283.68	\$1,290.01	\$1,290.01	\$1,290.01	\$1,296.40	\$1,296.40	\$1,296.40	\$1,307.08	\$807.08
INCOME:												
Interest	\$1.96			\$6.33			\$6.39			\$10.68		
TOTAL INCOME	\$1.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.68	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Contribution to North Carolina Council of Churches											\$500.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
UNALLOCATED SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$1,283.68	\$1,283.68	\$1,283.68	\$1,290.01	\$1,290.01	\$1,290.01	\$1,296.40	\$1,296.40	\$1,296.40	\$1,307.08	\$807.08	\$807.08

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
STUDENT CLERGY ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
STUDENT CLERGY ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$3,704.75	\$3,730.54	\$3,730.54	\$2,989.79	\$3,011.93	\$1,931.93	\$2,394.37	\$2,405.65	\$2,405.65	\$2,165.10	\$2,324.69	\$2,324.69
INCOME:												
Interest	\$25.79		\$9.25	\$22.14		\$9.45	\$11.28		\$9.45	\$9.59		\$9.35
At-large donations					\$300.00					150.00		
Transfer from District Conference Fund						702.99						884.13
TOTAL INCOME	\$25.79	\$0.00	\$9.25	\$22.14	\$300.00	\$712.44	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$9.45	\$159.59	\$0.00	\$893.48
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Emory University - 3 scholarships @ \$250.00 - 1992 Orientation			\$750.00									
Samaritan college scholarships awarded for 1993 Orientation					\$1,380.00							
Samaritan College scholarships awarded for 1993 courses						\$250.00			250.00			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,380.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
STUDENT CLERGY ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$3,730.54	\$3,730.54	\$2,989.79	\$3,011.93	\$1,931.93	\$2,394.37	\$2,405.65	\$2,405.65	\$2,165.10	\$2,324.69	\$2,324.69	\$3,218.17

\$1,000 OF THIS ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS BEEN INVESTED IN CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SPECIAL MINISTRIES ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$389.19	\$391.90	\$449.90	\$412.45	\$411.44	\$345.06	\$345.06	\$347.85	\$341.54	\$341.54	\$364.35	\$364.35
INCOME:												
Interest	\$2.71			\$3.80			\$2.79			\$2.81		
Book sales at Grief Seminar		\$58.00										
Miscellaneous donations				20.00								
"Oil of Gladness" subscriptions and donations										20.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$2.71	\$58.00	\$0.00	\$23.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Rev. Christine Oscar - educational materials			\$37.45									
Rev. Christine Oscar - postage, paper, etc.				\$24.81								
"Oil of Gladness" expenses					\$66.38			6.31				
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.45	\$24.81	\$66.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SPECIAL MINISTRIES ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$391.90	\$449.90	\$412.45	\$411.44	\$345.06	\$345.06	\$347.85	\$341.54	\$341.54	\$364.35	\$364.35	\$364.35

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
SAMARITAN FUND ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SAMARITAN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,344.12	\$1,244.91	\$1,244.91	\$1,254.16	\$1,256.21	\$1,256.21	\$1,995.66	\$2,238.72	\$3,773.72	\$3,913.17	\$2,142.16	\$4,232.56
INCOME:												
Interest	\$2.39		\$9.25	\$2.05		\$9.45	8.06		9.45	23.99		\$9.35
Registration fees						50.00		75.00	250.00	200.00	375.00	50.00
Tuitions						480.00	235.00	1,460.00		1,670.00	2,515.00	397.50
At-large donation						200.00						
TOTAL INCOME	\$2.39	\$0.00	\$9.25	\$2.05	\$0.00	\$739.45	\$243.06	\$1,535.00	\$259.45	\$1,893.99	\$2,890.00	\$456.85
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Instructor's expenses	\$101.60								\$120.00	\$880.00	\$162.10	
Samaritan College share of tuitions										2,785.00	637.50	459.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$101.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$3,665.00	\$799.60	\$459.50
SAMARITAN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$1,244.91	\$1,244.91	\$1,254.16	\$1,256.21	\$1,256.21	\$1,995.66	\$2,238.72	\$3,773.72	\$3,913.17	\$2,142.16	\$4,232.56	\$4,229.91

\$1,000 OF THIS ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS BEEN INVESTED IN A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT.

COL FUND ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

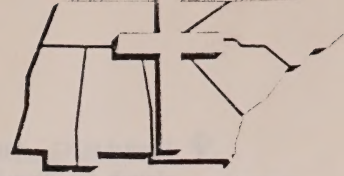
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
COL FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,433.00	\$1,433.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$364.53	\$364.53	\$364.53	\$364.53
INCOME:												
1993 Budget Allocation		\$1,433.00										
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$1,433.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
COL meeting registration for Lay Representative				\$193.00								
General Conference expenses - COL Rep.								875.47				
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COL FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$1,433.00	\$1,433.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$364.53	\$364.53	\$364.53	\$364.53	\$364.53

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DPOC/WPHR FUND ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
DECEMBER, 1993

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
DPOC/WPHR FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$146.76	\$146.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,229.76	\$1,208.98
INCOME:												
1993 Budget Allocation		\$1,433.00										
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$1,433.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISBURSEMENTS:												
Conference - Christ Covenant M.C.C.										\$136.00		
Conference - M.C.C. Chattanooga										130.00	20.78	
Other conferences and expenses (postage, etc.)										84.00		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$20.78	\$0.00
DPOC/WPHR FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$146.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,579.76	\$1,229.76	\$1,208.98	\$1,208.98

Gulf Lower Atlantic District

of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches



September 20, 1993

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!*

Psalm 36 5-11

⇒ DISTRICT CONFERENCE

⇒ NEW WORKS

⇒ NEW LOCATIONS

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
IS JUST WEEKS AWAY**

**RADISSON RIVERFRONT HOTEL - AUGUST 12, 13 & 14
REGISTER TODAY**

(Registration form and information enclosed)

*"It's time to tell the nations -
look to the rainbow.
The church is built on love"*

*Speakers: Rev. Elder Troy Perry Dr. Mel White Rev. Bob
Galloway*

✚ We welcome our newest worshipping family, MCC Myrtle Beach. There were 34 people in attendance at the first Service Sunday September 12. Rev'd. Buddy Vess of MCC Wilmington celebrated the first service with this group. MCC'ers from St. John's and St. Mary's joined in the worship. For now the group will continue to meet Sunday at 1 PM at the "Time Out" club near the Pavilion entertainment center. For information call Mike Horton at 803-249-2497.

✚ Our new work in Boone, NC, MCC of the High Country, will begin worshipping at the Unitarian Church, King Street, Boone on October 24. Meetings will be Sunday at 4 PM. Until that time they will continue meeting on Tuesday 7:30 PM at St. Luke's Episcopal, College Street, Boone.

† First MCC - Atlanta will begin worshipping in their new space on October 3rd. The church building is at 1379 Tullie Rd., Atlanta, GA 30329. That is also their new mailing address, effective immediately. The new phone number is 404-325-4143.

First MCC has generously offered space for the District Coordinator's office, so the District mailing address is the same as above. The District telephone number is 404-325-1372. My home telephone number remains the same.

† On September 12 MCC Chattanooga dedicated the new building they purchased. They are located at 1601 Foust Street in Chattanooga. The telephone number is 615-629-2737. Their mailing address remains the same P.O. Box 80183, Chattanooga, TN 37414.

† New Life MCC - Charlotte has acquired it's own property and will begin worshipping there October 10th. They will also inaugurate a 10:30 AM Service in addition to their evening worship (7 PM). The building is located at 3016 Lakeview Circle, Matthews, NC. The mailing address continues to be 2644 Chesterfield Ave., Charlotte 28205, and the telephone number is unchanged.

† MCC Charleston has moved to larger quarters. They are still located in the same office complex on Hawthorne Rd. in Suite 10.

† MCC Gulfcoast is moving to new worship quarters. Located in the G/L Friendly Community center at 308 Caillavet St. in Biloxi. No change in their mailing address or telephone. They meet Sunday at 5:30 PM.

† Covenant MCC - Birmingham has voted to purchase an existing church complex. They expect a final decision on the deal by the end of the month. Keep them in prayer. St. John's - Raleigh and MCC Hunstville continue to plan for the purchase or construction of a worship facility.

† District Clerk Sharon Lindenbaum is completing a new District Directory which should mailed to the churches within the next two weeks.

† Rev. Frank Scott will be candidating at MCC Asheville in the coming weeks. Rev. Dr. Buddy Truluck is candidating at MCC Nashville as this newsletter goes to print. We keep Frank, Buddy and the congregations in prayer.

† Student Clergy Chuck Thompson of MCC Chattanooga is moving to Johnson City, TN where he is serving as interim Pastoral Leader of MCC Tri-Cities.

† "Children of the Rainbow Conference" the first of several to be held in several cities by the GLAD DPOC, is slated for September 25 at Christ Covenant MCC - Atlanta. The conference will cover such areas as UFMCC's Theology of Inclusiveness, Inclusive language, Multicultural Missionary outreach. DPOC is making

† EXCEL of the rainbow Zebra - the GLAD team in training has been working toward the first EXCEL weekend in the GLAD District tentatively scheduled for early April '94. If you are interested in participating in the program contact Trudie Barreras 989 Drewry Street, Atlanta, GA 30306. The EXCEL weekends are based on a developing, deepening commitment to God, and are open to all people Lay & Clergy. The weekends are for spiritual advances "Time out for time in". Cost for the weekend which includes meals and lodging run from \$50 to \$85. EXCEL is also interested in site suggestions for the retreat. If you know of a camp or retreat area that is reasonably priced, let Trudie know.

† Julie Two-Suess, GLAD district Liaison to The Women's Secretariat reports: That the Secretariat met both in executive meeting and with the women of the Fellowship at General Conference in Phoenix to report on what had been done in the past year and to do some visioning. At District Conference in November, there will be an election for the GLAD Liaison to the Women's Secretariat for a full two year term. Duties include:

1. Establish communication with local churches
2. Disseminate information
3. Determine local needs,
4. Represent the district to the UFMCC Women's Secretariat.

The Women's Secretariat was established out of a need expressed at General Conference in 1989. The purpose: "To recognize the gifts and power that women contribute to the Fellowship & the world."

† MCC Huntsville will celebrate its 7th anniversary on Sunday October 3rd. I will be joining the congregation there, as I celebrate my birthday on the same weekend.

† Rev'd. Jim Richards marks his first anniversary as Pastor of MCC Knoxville. Jim was installed October 18th last year.

† We welcome Rev'd. Jeff Pulliam to MCC Augusta. Jeff will be chairing that congregation's worship team.

† MCC Charleston plans its annual retreat for September 24 & 25 at James Island County Park. October 2 & 3 are the retreat dates set for MCC Jackson. Part of the retreat will be visioning for their second decade.

† MCC Greenville is beginning the planning stages of an AIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY. It will involve providing food, education and care. The ministry kickoff date is January 1.

† St. Jude's MCC is developing a "BUDDY PROGRAM" as their HIV/AIDS ministry. Rev'd. Buddy Vess and Lynn Williams will be heading up this ministry.

† St. Mary's MCC - Greensboro has expanded its worship schedule to three services 4 PM, 7 PM, and 8:30 PM.

† Things are going so well at MCC Asheville that they have moved to the larger meeting area in the Unitarian Church where they hold worship.

On September 18th an historic rally took place on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It was the first Gay/Lesbian/Bi-Sexual Rally in that state. When a group of men and women, including Rev. Tam Schult Pastor of MCC Gulfcoast, announced plans to develop a center on the gulf coast, a group of Ocean Springs residents led by a Baptist minister attempted to marshall the community in opposition. There was a lot of ugly rhetoric, and even death threats. It didn't work! 500 marchers took part in the rally. They came from all over the state of Mississippi, and from neighboring states and from out churches in Jackson, Mobile, Pensacola, Tampa St. Petersburg. Your District Coordinator was one of the featured speakers. The center is a reality, and MCC Gulfcoast will hold it's worship services in the facility. The police chief of Ocean Springs, who incidentally is a woman, did an outstanding job keeping the peace. Many people in the community made it clear they didn't share the opposition views. Some merchants displayed rainbow emblems. Tam Schult and the members of MCC Gulfcoast thank those who were able to participate, and for the prayers of their sisters and brothers of UFMCC.

District Coordinators up-coming itinerary:

September 25 - DPOC/Children of the Rainbow Conference - Atlanta

October 3 - MCC Huntsville anniversary

October 5 -12 - General Council - Los Angeles

October 17 - MCC Greenville

October 24 - Covenant MCC - Birmingham

Nov. 5-6 Christian Council Diversity Conference - Atlanta

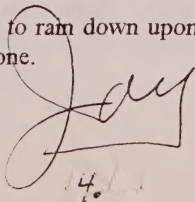
Nov. 12, 13, 14 District Conference - Augusta

† Assistant District Coordinator Cassi Wylie and her partner Margie Walker are foster parents. 16-year old Jason is now part of their household. And Revs. Polly Ireland and Carol Couch have a 4-year old young man living with them as their foster child.

† The prayers for Pastor Mary Moore and her partner June Gingrich following the recent death of Mary's mother are deeply appreciated.

We are looking forward to a wonderful fall conference. Our founder Rev. Troy Perry will be with us and bringing the message on Saturday night. He will also spend one of the workshop periods talking with you about the UFMCC and his ministry. Dr. Mel White, a former writer for such religious right luminaries as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson will bring us the message on Sunday morning. Rev. Bob Galloway, one of the senior Pastors, in terms of service, in the GLAD District will bring the message Friday. We have planned several workshops on MCC & the Media, financing new church buildings, and other interesting opportunities for education. plan to be with us.

May God's blessings continue to ram down upon the ministry of this Fellowship and this District. God Bless everyone.



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**GLAD DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10 and 11, 1994 - WILMINGTON, NC**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Jay Neely, Rev. Reid Christensen, Dennis Luft, Cassi Wylie, Wanda Floyd and Sharon Lindenbaum

ITEM: Delegate Rolls: Committee reviewed names of voting Delegates from Lay Representative's list and the new District Directory. Appropriate changes made.

ITEM: Call of the Roll: In order to accomodate the increasing numbers of voting Delegates and conserve time, the Clerk will devise a sign in system for the Official Roll for the next Conference.

ITEM: Committee Reports: In the future, the District Committee will receive and review all Program Reports. These reports will then become part of the District Committee actions and will be incorporated into the minutes. All voting Delegates will be sent copies of the Program Reports.

ITEM: District Elections: Elections to be held Nov. 12, 1994 for the following District Committee positions: TREASURER, CLERGY REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT CLERK. Also, election for DCRC Member to fill remaining term of Rev. Tam Schult. Election will also be needed for FFO Clergy Representative and Clergy Rep. for the Elder's Nominating Committee.

ITEM: Committee Assignments: Review of work assignments for District Committee for conference. Worship-Reid and Cassi; Facilities - Dennis and Wanda; Press - Cassi; Security - Margie Walker and Wanda; Local Committee Liaison - Cassi; Communications - Sharon.

ITEM: District Liaisons: Discussion only concerning the responsibilities of these positions. Wanda will continue to work with Liaisons.

ITEM: Church Planting Committee: Carol Couch has resigned as Chair of this Committee. The District Committee recognizes with thanks and gratitude the wonderful work she has done in this position.

ITEM: Memphis, TN: There will be an informational meeting Nov. 27, 1994 concerning the formation of a new MCC in Memphis. Jay will be present and facilitate the meeting.

ITEM: District Coordinator's Report-Overview of Churches: Verbal report concerning the status of our churches. The District is doing extremely well. We now

have 7 churches with over 100 members. North Carolina now has 9 churches. We presently have 30 churches in the District.

We thank God for our growth in spirit and in numbers and for providing us the opportunity to spread the Good News to all people.

ITEM:Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dennis. The District is presently at budget. Some churches are in arrears and these situations are being addressed..

Motion by Dennis second by Wanda to increase per diem to \$25.00 per day and increase mileage to \$.29 per mile. This is in keeping with GLAD policy. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Dennis and second by Reid to provide District Coordinator's Housing Allowance for 1995 for \$750.00 per month. This is part of the total compensation package for the District Coordinator. This is reviewed annually, as required by the IRS.

The budget for 1995 was presented. New Works Contribution is now a line item. Motion by Dennis and second by Cassi to recommend the new budget to the conference. This was unanimously approved.

ITEM:Churches in Arrears: Churches will be notified by letter that current tithes must be paid and a plan presented concerning past tithes. Churches must send their monthly reports to the District.

ITEM:Winston-Salem, NC- New Work: MCC Winston-Salem recognized as a New Work effective September 29, 1994.

ITEM:Family of God MCC: Committee discussed on-going developments at the church. Request for reimbursement to Rev. Liz Leech to assist with moving has been received. The request is for \$250.00. Motion to approve by Reid and second by Cassi. This was unanimously approved.

ITEM:Request for New Work Status from Fellowship of Love Christian Church, Columbus, GA. Dennis moved to deny application for New Work status. Second by Reid. Motion was unanimously passed.

ITEM:District Task Force on Growth and Service: Discussion concerning how to form this Task Force. This Committee would bring reports and recommendations to the District Committee. District Committee members will work on this and provide ideas and suggestions at the February District Committee meeting.

ITEM:MCC Augusta Review Packet: Packet was received and review has been completed. Motion by Cassi and second by Reid to approve packet. Motion unanimously approved.

ITEM:Risk Management: This has been adopted by the General Council and will be reflected in the minutes from the Fellowship. Policy was explained to the District Committee by the District Coordinator.

ITEM:Review of Conference Plans:

Montgomery Spring 1995: Hotel has been secured and plans are going well

Asheville Fall 1995: Hotel has been secured and we have begun working on this.

ITEM:Suite Recommendation for Spring 1996 Conference: The District Committee will recommend Nashville, TN to the Conference for Spring, 1996.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM. COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN NOVEMBER 11, 1994 at 9:00 AM.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING CONTINUED
NOVEMBER 11, 1994

All Members Present. Meeting began 9:00 AM.

ITEM:GLAD/Samaritan: Situation has improved and we are able to work together very well.

ITEM:Rural Ministry: Sharon and Dennis met with Rev. Bob Galloway concerning this proposal. Motion by Sharon to recognize the Rural Outreach Project with Rev. Bob Galloway as Project Coordinator. This Project is accountable to the District Committee and will be reviewed annually. Second by Dennis. Motion unanimously approved. Sharon will notify Bob.

ITEM:Approval of Lay Pastors: Motion by Dennis and second by Wanda to approve the following Pastors for one year: Pastor Mary Moore, Pastor Chuck Thompson, Pastor Kathi Beall, Rev'd. Randy Votsch. Motion second by Wanda. This was approved by the Committee.

ITEM:CCCC Proposal on Credentialing: The CCCC will meet in February. Anyone having any comments or concerns about this Proposal should contact the CCCC as soon as possible.

ITEM:Church Planting Committee: Moved by Cassi and second by Wanda to appoint Rev. Bob Galloway to the

position of Chair of this Committee for one year to complete the two year term of the previous Chair. Unanimously approved.

ITEM:Future Conference Considerations: Wanda will work on ideas and suggestions concerning consideration for those who put special effort in working with and for District Conferences. This will be discussed at the March District Committee meeting.

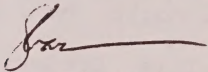
ITEM:Church Reviews for 1995: All churches, including Chartered Churches, will be reviewed in the coming year. Packets MUST be returned BEFORE May 1, 1995. Reviews will be completed by the District Committee at the August Committee meeting. As of this date, the Committee will have 30 reviews to complete. Dennis will review all financial reports for the churches. Jay will review all By-Laws for the Chartered Churches. The remaining Committee Members will review all church packets.

ITEM:Parliamentarian: Jay requested that Sharon serve in this position during the Business meeting.

ITEM:District Committee Meeting: The Committee will meet in Atlanta, Ga., March 4, 1995. Committee members are to check their schedules to make sure this date will be convenient for everyone.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER.

Respectfully Submitted by



Sharon Lindenbaum
Clerk of the District

April 25th, 1993

GLAD SURVEY ON TERMINOLOGY FOR LAY PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Dear Sisters and Brothers of GLAD,

After sending out the questionnaire to all District lay delegates and clergy, I learned that this is really a moot point inasmuch as the Elders Task Force on Systems and Structure has already been mandated to examine these same questions. All motions in this area will come before General Conference from the said ETFSS and not from any of the districts.

The two questions were based on my aging memory of the discussions which took place at our last conference in Raleigh, and they were:

YES NO ABSTAIN

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Duly elected Lay Pastoral Leaders of Chartered Churches should be called Pastors and extended voice and vote at District Conferences.
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Duly elected and approved Lay Pastoral Leaders of Commissioned churches should be called Pastoral Leaders and extended voice but no vote at District Conferences.

Responses fell in five categories:

- I - Those voting yes on both questions - 12 responses.
II - Those voting yes on question 1 and abstaining on question 2 - 7 responses
III- Those voting no on question 1 and yes on question 2 - 6 responses
IV - Those voting yes on question 1 and no on question 2 - 3 responses
V - Those ~~ABSTAINING ON BOTH QUESTIONS~~ - 1 RESPONSE

And now on to some of the returned comments:

- I - One respondee asked why Lay Pastoral Leaders of Commissioned Churches shouldn't get vote along with voice - "Doing the work, get the vote."

Rev. Mick Hinson of MCC Greenville had difficulty with Question 2 and offered two questions to replace it:

- A. - Duly elected and approved Lay Pastoral Leaders of Commissioned Churches should be called Pastoral Leaders and extended voice and vote at District Conferences.
B. - Duly elected and approved Lay Pastoral Leaders of all approved New Works and Parish extensions should be called Pastoral Leaders and extended voice and vote at District Conferences.

- II - Remember that these were all YES on Question 1, these responses were all to Question 2.

- A. - "Should also be entitled to vote."
B. - "Why the distinction? Why voice but no vote? Is their a hierarchy present?"
c. - "I hold out for calling them Pastors"
D. - Chuck Lippy felt that Question 1 should read "Chartered and Commissioned Churches" and writes "If it walks like a duck, it probably walks that way at a commissioned church as well as at a chartered church." He also writes, "If we truly affirm priesthood of all believers and see the logical extension of that to those who exercise pastoral functions I fail to see that the difference between chartered and commissioned status matters. UFMCC credentialed clergy who serve commissioned churches do not lose a vote. I also do not find "pastoral leader" in the 1991 UFMCC bylaws. My personal feeling would be to urge General Conference to end the voting on all matters by clergy house and lay house, though it will undoubtedly fail in the clergy house. I always though it odd that UFMCC could let me Pastor for 8 years but refuse to acknowledge my ordination in another denomination, always insisting I was laity. If we wish to allow for distinctions, there's got to be a better way. UFMCC polity here reflects an odd adaptation of an

Anglican model. On the issue of language I'm always taken aback at the lack of same in much of worship at District Conference."

- E. - Steve Parker of Covenant MCC writes, "When a lay person is pastoring a church (be they called Pastor, Lay Pastor, Worship Coordinator, or just plain bumfuzzled) they should be extended voice and vote in the lay house at conferences." He adds, "It is the vote of the lay delegate that is diluted by this and the majority of lay delegates favor such a measure. The vote of a clergy person is in no way diluted by having additional voting members in the lay house. Understanding the investment that clergy have made to their calling I still fail to see the opposition to more lay people voting in the lay house."
- F. - Cliff Morrison, Pastor of Covenant MCC writes, "I had to abstain from the second item because I was designated "Pastor" by Rev. Jay Neely at the time I was called and duly elected by Covenant MCC. Even Rev. Troy Perry identifies me as "Pastor". Why should there be any distinction between chartered and commissioned churches as far as titles and voting privileges are concerned? I would consider it a great insult to suddenly be told that I no longer carry the title of Pastor, especially since I am so close to completing the credentialing process and my congregation has grown at an incredible rate during my pastorate. In addition to growth, we now have two Sunday School classes with a third in the works, a 20 voice choir which just presented one of the great classic cantatas of the Easter season, we also have built an incredible drama program, study groups, and much more. If this is not the mark of a "Pastor" what is?" He adds, "We are fast approaching charter status, but we are simply not there yet. Again, I don't see why this status should make any difference as far as pastor voice and vote is concerned. Personally, I think that all unlicensed, duly elected "Pastors" should be able to have voice and vote in the "lay" house, and that the term "Pastoral Leader" should be reserved for those who are in temporary positions while a given congregation is without a duly elected pastor. I respectfully ask that you consider this carefully and pass the idea on to all concerned."

III - (No on question 1, yes on question 2)

- A - In explaining the No vote on question 1, one respondee writes, "Because I believe they should still be called Lay Pastoral Leaders - I do believe they should have voice and vote in the clergy caucus."
- B - John Moore of First MCC of Atlanta writes, "I am very concerned about giving lay pastoral leaders all the rights and privileges of licensed clergy. The credentialing process is designed to provide some quality assurance (no guarantees, of course). It at least provides some assurance to the consumer (the congregation) that the person has received a minimal amount of training and meets minimal standards. If we allow lay pastoral leaders all the perquisites of licensed clergy, we eliminate much of the incentive of meeting the standards. Then we eliminate the benefits of credentialing. I must admit some bias here -- as someone who is credentialed in three professions, I feel that it is important. I would be upset if non-credentialed people were allowed to do my job (which would be prohibited by law in two of those professions)."
- D - Rev. Liz Leech writes, "I personally believe that this is an issue that belongs at the Fellowship level. Otherwise we'll have debate at General Conference similar to one of the debates in 1993 on overdue tithes. The reason that I cannot feel comfortable in a "yes" vote is the lack of accountability and/or a judiciary process in place for lay pastors or laity in general. The "unbecoming conduct, etc..." just doesn't suffice. As for terminology - remember, I led a church in Topeka, KS for nearly

4 years when I was officially a Worship Coordinator. But the community addressed me as "Pastor", and related to me as such. Now, in a new work again, I'm officially a "pastoral leader" but I'm referred to as "Pastor." So yes - I do think anyone who is serving as a duly elected pastor should adopt the title, and encourage the congregation to do so, too. The bottom line is we are all called to be priests with different ministries. And only the individuals can sort that out. I would pray that the division between lay and clergy houses in GLAD can soon be put to rest."

- E - Helene Loper of Mobile, AL, submitted three substitute motions in a most thoughtful letter, and rather than try to present it here, I am submitting it as the last page in this report.

IV - (Yes on Question 1, no on question 2) -

- A. - One respondee felt Question one should apply to both Chartered and Commissioned Churches.

V - (Abstaining on both questions)

- A. - Rev. Steve Fund writes, "I support the effort in this direction but feel that there are additional factors to be considered and discussed before a vote is taken."

----- and there we are, many diverse feelings and opinions and some excellently thought out responses. I especially encourage you to read Helene Loper's letter.

I submit this report of the survey and, regretfully, withdraw the motion submitted at the last District Conference in Raleigh since the ETFSS is already examining these same questions. I look forward to an extremely stimulating General Conference.

Yours in the love and liberation of Christ,

Bob Darst

Rev. Robert Darst

March 22, 1993

Dear Bob,

The following is my response to the proposed definitions and changes regarding voice and vote status for lay pastors. I found two major points with which I disagreed and one which was omitted:

- 1) Why is a distinction made between charter and commissioned churches? Each calls a pastor by a congregational vote. Although a commissioned church is required to have its choice of pastor approved, the district may not appoint its pastor as in a new work.
- 2) You failed to designate in which house, clergy or lay, the lay pastor would vote.
- 3) The status of Student Clergy and Transfer Clergy was omitted. Some congregations have called as pastor people who are in the process of credentialing or transferring and whose identity is not as lay pastors.

Therefore, I am sending you another option:

- 1) Persons who are not UFMCC credentialed and who are called by a chartered or commissioned church shall be called "pastors".

(Note: All pastoral calls by a commissioned church must be approved by the district per UFMCC By-Laws.)

Rationale: A person who has been duly elected and called by a congregation to serve as pastor is entitled to recognition as such.

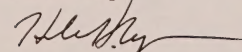
- 2) Pastors who are not UFMCC credentialed clergy shall be seated as Lay Pastors in the Lay House at conferences with both voice and vote.

Rationale: While non-UFMCC credentialed pastors have been duly elected by and represent particular congregations, they are laity and are not entitled to sit in the Clergy House.

- 3) Pastors who are registered "In Care" with the Office of CCCC as Student Clergy or Transfer Clergy may opt to be seated with voice only in the Clergy House.

Rationale: Persons in the process of becoming credentialed UFMCC clergy, as Student Clergy or Transfer Clergy, need this option and flexibility as they make the transition to the role and responsibilities of credentialed UFMCC clergy. This is also in keeping with the current UFMCC By-Laws which do give Student Clergy voice in the Clergy House.

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Dear Pastors of GLAD,

Greetings to you with the assurance of grace and peace from God our Source, Jesus Christ our Savior and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer.

Some of you have known me for many years, while others of you probably read my nomination statement in your district conference packet and could not put a face with the name until the business meeting. No matter the length of time we have shared, I feel comfortable in writing to you collectively because all of you are my brothers and sisters in Christ. So please afford me a few minutes of your time as I wish to share my perspective of the historical and contemporary issues of inclusivity in our local churches and in our district.

When I became an MCC'er nearly 18 years ago, the number of persons of color in our entire district numbered less than a dozen. Our fellowship by-laws stated that we were a denomination for all people, but in actuality our churches were predominantly white and males greatly outnumbered women. A few leaders began to speak out. The Rev. Elders Freda Smith and Nancy Wilson pioneered inclusivity regarding the issues of women. At the 1979 General Conference, the Rev. Renee McCoy, founder of the UFMCC Third World Ministries, had to completely disrupt a business meeting to address the issues of people of color. It was at that same conference that I listened to a report of our Nigerian churches by Rev. Elders Jean White and Charlie Earhart who had made a recent visit to Africa. The elders were appalled that the mostly heterosexual members of the Nigerian churches knew nothing about the denomination's theology of homosexuality and Christianity. I was more appalled at their lack of cultural understanding about the rural Nigerian people whose continued survival depended on traditional family structures and whose languages do not have a word for homosexuality.

In 1988, Rev. Steve Fund told me about a Department of People of Color conference in Ohio, and asked if I would want to represent our church. I agreed to go and to gather as much information as possible. Well, the DPOC steering committee was elated to finally meet someone from our district. They asked me to go back to GLAD and establish a district DPOC chapter. My response of "I don't know what to do" was countered with "just attend the workshops this weekend and take good notes." So I returned to Atlanta and contacted our district coordinator, Mary Moore. She said that the district committee had been waiting for a person of color to come forward to establish a DPOC chapter. With her input I drafted an amendment to the SOPS to create both a DPOC and WPHR chapter. After its adoption, twice I was elected DPOC chairperson.

DPOC and WPHR quickly began presenting workshops on diversity and inclusivity at district conferences and at eight local churches. It seemed that the people of GLAD were being sensitized to the issues of people of color, women, and persons with mental and physical disabilities. Full acceptance of and participation by these targeted groups were strongly encouraged.

At the first evening service at district conference in Ashville, we listened to a sermon by Rev. Randy Votch who said that there is too much emphasis on inclusivity -- that inclusivity has already been achieved in our denomination. Those words jarred me, but the speaker almost had me convinced that maybe we had turned the corner. The next day I was happy that three announced qualified persons of color were running for the position of ADC. This was important to those who embrace inclusivity since Wanda Floyd, the only person of color on the committee, was stepping down. The nomination of Keith Mason from the lay house floor seemed routine. However, as the voting commenced, the reality of what might happen did, in fact, happen -- a white male was chosen without regard to maintaining diversity on the committee. Keith is qualified for the position and he has proven himself to be dedicated to the issues of minority groups, especially the deaf community. However, as much as he may try, he cannot bring with him the sensitivity and perspective that a woman, a person of color, or a disabled individual would bring. The composition of the district committee following the elections -- five white males, no people of color and just one woman -- was brought to the attention of the conference by Rev. Helene Loper. Regretfully, most of those in both houses had lost sight of the big picture.

Several people approached me after the elections to ask if I was Ok. I answered yes, but I am sure that my embarrassment and disappointment showed through. It was not disappointing that I was not selected, but it was disappointing that none of the three African-Americans was selected. I replayed in my mind the 1979 scene of Rev. McCoy defying Troy Perry and insisting that her people be heard. Six years after the establishment of DPOC and WPHR chapters in GLAD, has there been any real progress in our district? Has institutional and personal insensitivity to inclusivity again raised its insidious head?

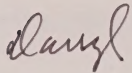
I had the occasion to attend a workshop for AIDS caregivers at the Martin Luther King Center in Atlanta. Seated next to me was the pastor of a local black Pentecostal church. He related to the group how his congregation had become involved in many Christian social action programs that included an AIDS hospice, childcare for AIDS babies, and counseling for women with AIDS. At break time I asked him how he had accomplished all of this with his congregation. He stated that in every sermon he stresses the importance of ministry to all of God's people without being judgmental of whom they are or judgmental of the situation in which they find themselves. Now my members just assume, without question, new challenges for ministry as they are presented.

As our district continues to grow, it is not enough to disseminate information about inclusivity at some district conferences, at infrequent local church workshops, and at one Sunday service during black history month. It is not enough to change the words of our hymns and liturgies when our actions are unaffected. It is not enough to ask people of color to lead our singspirations when their presence is missing on the district committee. Nor is it

enough to say that minorities can be amply represented by "well meaning" whites -- this is a patronizing assumption.

You, the pastors of our churches, are the ones who can insure increased awareness of inclusivity among your members. I implore you to examine your sermons, programs, ministries, and committees, and to apply a diversity litmus test . . . Are they relevant to and inclusive of the Samaritan woman, the Ethiopian eunuch, Martha and Mary, Zacchaeus, and Apphia? Are your members so accustomed to inclusive ministry and so aware of the diversity within their congregation that their representatives to the next district conference will look, without question, at all the issues and elections as new opportunities to insure a diverse district ministry? I pray with you that they will.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darryl Walker".

Darryl Walker

cc: GLAD District Committee

